

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 have been canceled, claims 2-5, 8 and 10-17 have been amended. Claims 18-21 have been added and claims 2-5, 8 and 10-21 are pending. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"**.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

As suggested by the Examiner, claims have been amended to change "including" to "comprising".

Claims have been amended to clarify the "on its side language".

As suggested by the Examiner, Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to include proper Markush language.

Claim 9 has been canceled and rewritten as method claim 21.

Rejections under 35 USC 102/103

The present invention as claimed provide a face paper and method for making a face paper where the face paper has an outer surface formed through contact with a smooth, hot drying surface for a distance effective for finishing the paper and providing the finished outer surface for printing. None of the cited references alone or in combination describe a face paper where printing is done on the finished outer surface as claimed.

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The '475 patent does not describe or suggest a face paper with printing on its finished side. The '475 patent indicates that adhesive is applied to a glazed or finished side. Hence, any printing would be done on the opposite side or unfinished side.

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The '092 patent does not describe or suggest a face paper with printing on its finished side. The '092 patent describes release liners but does not indicate or suggest that printing may be done on a finished surface of the release liner.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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2. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock as claimed in Claim [1] 18, wherein the face paper is uncoated paper.

3. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock as claimed in Claim [1] 18, wherein the face paper for self-adhesive labelstock [includes] comprises printing.

4. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the face paper for self-adhesive labelstock further includes printing selected from the group consisting of text, figures, bar codes [or] and combinations thereof which are post-printed on the face paper for self-adhesive labelstock.

5. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock as claimed in Claim 3, wherein printing on the face paper of self-adhesive labelstock is done by a printing selected from the group consisting of ink-jet printing, heat transfer, electrophotography [or other] and dye-based printing methods.

8. (Once Amended) A face paper as claimed in Claim [7] 20, wherein the face paper is an uncoated paper.

10. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [1] 18, wherein the smooth, hot drying surface is provided by a Yankee cylinder.

11. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [1] 18, wherein the smooth, hot drying surface is provided by a Condebelt dryer.

12. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [3] 4, wherein the printing on the face paper for self-adhesive labelstock is text.

13. (Once Amended) A self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [3] 4, wherein the printing on the face paper for the self-adhesive labelstock is figures.

14. (Once Amended) A face paper for self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [7] 20, wherein the smooth, hot drying surface is provided by a Yankee cylinder.

15. (Once Amended) A face paper for self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [7] 20, wherein the smooth, hot drying surface is provided by a Condebelt dryer.

16. (Once Amended) A method for making a face paper of self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [9] 21, wherein the smooth, hot, drying surface is provided by a Yankee cylinder.

17. (Once Amended) A method for making a face paper of self-adhesive labelstock according to Claim [9] 21, wherein the smooth, hot drying surface is provided by a Condebelt dryer.